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TESTAMENTARY ECENTRICITIES.

The Illustrated London News says: "Among the 28,000 wills annually admitted to probate, there are every year some which may fairly be called 'curious wills,' curious from the peculiarity and conditions of the bequests or directions. In writing a few articles on curious wills, we shall endeavor to take our illustrations from the records of the last twenty or thirty years, such as far as possible, to classify them; many, however, defy classification, and will have in this to form a class by themselves. There are few wills made without some directions being given either as to the place or the manner of burial; frequently the testator desires to be buried in the same grave with his wife or some other member of his family. We remember one case where the testator directed that he should be buried in the space left for that purpose between the graves of his first and second wives, so that he should lie with one on his right hand and the other on his left. More frequently still, the direction limits the extent of the funeral; in some cases no carriages are to be used, in others the body is to be carried to the grave by persons employed on the deceased's estate; in one instance the persons so to be employed were laborers, and were required on the occasion to wear clean white stockings, and were to be paid one pound each for their trouble. Mr. Zimmerman, whose will was proved in 1840, accompanied the directions for his funeral, in case they were not carried out, with something like a threat. In his will he says, 'No person is to attend my corpse to the grave; nor is any funeral bell to be rung, and my desire is to be buried plainly, but in a decent manner, and, if it be not done, I will come again, that is to say, if I can.' The Countess Dowager of Sandwich, in her will, written by herself at the age of 80, proved in November, 1862, expresses her wish to be buried decently and quietly—no undertaker's frauds or cheating, no scarfs, handkerchiefs, or nosegays. Mrs. Kitty Jenkyns Packe Reading, although evidently possessed of sufficient means, appears by her will, proved in April, 1870, to have been very anxious that one part at least of the expenses attending her funeral should be kept as low as possible. After saying she is to be placed first in a leaden and then in a wooden coffin, she provides if 'I die away from Brankesome I wish my remains, after being duly placed in the proper coffin, to be enclosed in a plain deal box, so that no one may know the contents, and conveyed by a goods train to Poole, which will cost no more than any other package of the same weight; from Poole station said box to be conveyed in a cart to Brankesome Tower.' The contrivance of sending her remains in a plain deal box by a goods train, so that it will cost no more than other packages of the same weight, and 'said box' afterward to be conveyed in a cart, sounds rather oddly in connection with the dignified name of its destination—Brankesome Tower. Mrs. Reading seems to have considered the details of her funeral with much minuteness. Among other things, she states: 'The easiest way to convey my coffin out of the house will be to take the window out of the dining-room.' Some people—we do not know whether they would rather not die—certainly would rather not be buried. Mr. J. L. Greffulhe, of Winchester street and Cornhill, merchant, whose will was proved in October, 1867, thus directs as to the disposal of his body: 'I do not wish to be buried. I enjoin my nephew to cause my body to be embalmed and placed in a coffin, the top of which shall be glazed and not nailed down, so that the body be not deprived either of air or daylight. Subsequently to cause it to be buried, if that can be legally done.' It could not be from a motive of economy, as the personal property in England was sworn under half a million sterling, and he left 400,000 francs to be paid out of his estate and charity. Mr. William Kensett, by his will, proved in March, 1855, seems to have been of the same opinion as the members of a recently-formed club who have pledged themselves, for sanitary reasons, to have their bodies buried at their deaths, for he recites that, 'believing in the propriety of interring the dead among the living and as an example to others, I give my body for days after death, to the Directors of the Imperial Gas Company, London, to be placed in one of their retorts and consumed to ashes and that they will be paid £10 by my executors for the trouble this act will impose on them in burning. Should a defence of fanaticism and superstition prevent their granting this, my request, then my executors must submit to have my remains buried, in the plainest manner possible, in my family grave in St. John's-wood Cemetery, to assist in poisoning the living in that neighborhood.' Generally the curious wills are home-made. The will of Mr. Kensett was made by a solicitor.

PURE MILK.—The subject of pure milk for the cities and towns, and the deleterious effects of an impure article on infants and small children would seem to have attracted the attention of the city and health authorities in various parts of the country. Philadelphia first took up in an investigation which attracted considerable public attention. Chicago followed, next the city of Boston, and very recently the city of Louisville. The authorities of the latter place, without any previous warning, secured samples of milk from upwards of fifty dealers. Six milk vendors had underpure milk, seven more or less; twenty-four had pure milk and only six had what is known as rich, creamy milk.

The specimens of milk were tested by a lactometer, also a microscope; the fluid being cooled to the temperature of sixty degrees. The examinations allowed a certain per centum for the natural water of the milk and for the difference in the cow. The lactometer is a glass tube for ascertaining the proportion of water in a given quantity of milk, and is a true test when the temperature of the mixture is sixty degrees.—*Richmond Whig.*

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Wholesale
CONFECTIONERY HOUSE,
No. 470 Pennsylvania ave.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
The BEST CANDIES manufactured daily and sold to dealers at the lowest New York wholesale rates.
The trade of the District and the neighboring counties of Maryland and Virginia supplied with Confections, Caramels, Sweetmeats, Assorted Fruits and the best Candies, from the highest to the cheapest.
Foreign Goods, Syrups and Nuts always on hand. Dealers dealt with liberally. A call invited.
Washington, Nov 1-10-11

BULL'S COUGH SYRUP for sale by
nov 3 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

CHOICE WHITE WHEAT
FOR SEED,
For sale by
HOOE & JOHNSTON,
No. 2 Prince street.
sep 25

A FULL STOCK OF BUCKETS, TUBS, Brooms, Baskets, Wash Boards, Whips, Dust Brushes, White Wash, in fact a general assortment of Wood and Willow Ware, at prices to suit the trade.
GEO. McBURNEY & SON,
166 and 170 King street.
oct 27

CLOTHING AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
7th & D, WASHINGTON, D. C. FOLLOW THE MULTITUDE! WASHINGTON, D. C.

ALEXANDRIANS TO THE FRONT!

DO NOT LOSE SO RARE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO SUPPLY YOURSELVES WITH
WINTER CLOTHING
At a Saving of fully Twenty-five Per Cent.

ASK YOUR NEIGHBORS,
WHO HAVE CALLED AND BEEN CONVINCED.

SCORES OF ALEXANDRIANS

AND RESIDENTS OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY ARE DAILY AVAILING THEMSELVES OF THE

TEMPTING ADVANTAGES WE ARE OFFERING

TO THOSE WHO PURCHASE CLOTHING BEFORE THE SEASON ADVANCES.

WHAT WE ARE ACTUALLY AND ABSOLUTELY DOING,

SELLING

\$35 SUITS.....	FOR \$25	\$35 OVERCOATS.....	FOR \$25
\$25 SUITS.....	FOR \$18	\$25 OVERCOATS.....	FOR \$18
\$18 SUITS.....	FOR \$12	\$18 OVERCOATS.....	FOR \$12
\$15 SUITS.....	FOR \$10	\$15 OVERCOATS.....	FOR \$10

SUITS AND OVERCOATS OF ALL GRADES AT EQUAL REDUCTIONS.

IMMENSE STOCK OF
SCHOOL AND DRESS SUITS FOR BOYS
AT EQUAL DISCOUNTS.

TO SECURE THESE DISCOUNTS COME AT ONCE.

HABLE BROTHERS,
MERCHANT TAILORS AND FINE CLOTHIERS,
Corner 7th and D streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington, D. C., nov 1-11-11

OYSTER DEALERS.

FRIED OYSTERS FREE.

From to-morrow, Tuesday, October 21st, 1873, a nice FRIED OYSTER WILL BE GIVEN FREE to each drink taken at my place. I also inform the public that the FINEST LIQUORS can always be had at my Restaurant, such as very good and old pure Whiskey; warranted genuine and pure Holland Gin, direct through the custom house of Baltimore; genuine London Ale and Irish Stout. I also will receive in a short time some genuine GERMAN LAGER BEER, direct from Bremen. This is put up in bottles and nice for family use. FINE NORFOLK OYSTERS, fried, stewed and raw, always to be had at my place. F. SCHNEIDER, 16 N. Royal st., oct 20-11 Next to Harrison's auction store.

OYSTERS.

JOHN S. COGSWILL,
At his Oyster House, opposite the Gazette office, is prepared to furnish OYSTERS to all who may desire them. All orders from the country will receive prompt attention. sep 13

CABINET FURNITURE.

JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

FURNITURE,

No. 130 King street,

Alexandria, Va.,

Looking Glasses,
Hair, Cotton Top
and Husk Mattresses,
kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices.
In order to secure prompt attention orders should be addressed to
JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,
No. 130 King street.
my 18-11

FINEST WAREHOUSES IN THE SOUTH

WM. H. MUIR & SON,

Manufacturers of

FURNITURE,

141 and 143 King street,

Alexandria, Virginia.

A large and fine stock always on hand. ja25

STEPHEN A. GREEN, JAMES E. GREEN.

GREEN & BROS.,

Steam Furniture Works & Saw Mill,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Having fitted up our factory with the latest and most approved machinery, we are prepared to furnish all kinds of HOUSE, OFFICE and SCHOOL FURNITURE at the very lowest rates; and are also prepared to do all kinds of SAWING and TURNING, MOULDING PLAINING and CARVING in our line.

Wanted, in exchange for the Furniture, Walnut, Poplar, Oak, Maple Birch and Cedar Logs, je 8-11

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For sale by

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166 and 170 King street.

oct 27

BUILDING MATERIAL.

JOHN HAWKHURST,

Dealer in

LUMBER AND TIMBER.

BILLS out to order and delivered per Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway. Has just set a Mill in a fresh piece of timber, of which a considerable portion is white oak, of fine quality, much of it suitable for planing vessels. Also Yellow Pine, Red Oak and Hickory. Can furnish Bills promptly, and solicits a portion of the public patronage. Orders may be left at our wood yard, corner of Duke and Union streets, where my son is offering SAWED and SPLIT WOOD for sale at reasonable prices. Postoffice box 240, Alexandria, Va. aug 11-3m

ROBT. JAMIESON, ROYD M. SMITH, A. G. UHLER.

JAMIESON, UHLER & CO.,

ALEXANDRIA PLANING MILLS, SASH,

DOOR & BLIND MANUFACTORY.

Dealers in

Dressed Lumber, White Pine, Georgia, Carolina and Virginia

Flooring.

NOS. 29 and 31 NORTH WATER STREET.

sep 2-11

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JAMES W. NALLS, SON & CO.,

187 King st., Alex., Va.

Dealers in HARDWARE, CUTLERY

Carpenters' Tools, Doors, Sash, Blinds, Door

and Window Frames, Brackets, Mouldings

Balusters, of different patterns, and Newell

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Paint and White Wash

Brushes, Lewis' Pure White Lead, and other

brands of fine quality. Putty, Turpentine and

Machine Oil. Also, Lime, of superior quality.

Coment, Calced Plaster, Pitch and Put for

Roofing, &c. A large stock of Pugh's celebrated

Car Augers, and other articles found in first

class Builders' Furnishing establishments.

All orders for Lumber, Brick and all kinds

of Building Material, promptly attended to.

Terms cash. feb 11-11

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VIRGINIA SASH, DOOR AND BLIND

FACTORY AND PLANING MILL,

CORNER FAIRFAX AND QUEEN STREETS,

Alexandria, Virginia.

Sashes, Doors, Blinds, Frames, Mouldings,

Brackets, Newell Balusters, and

Mantelpieces,

constantly on hand at the Factory. Call and

examine stock and prices. ap8-11

TAXES FOR 1873.

Taxes for the year 1873 are now ready for collection. All tax payers are hereby notified to come forward and settle the same on or before the FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, as after that date FIVE PER CENT will be added. I will be in each township on the following days:

Washington, at Robert Bucher's blacksmith shop, from 10 to 3, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th of October.

Arlington, at my residence, from 10 to 3.

Jefferson, at Charles Corbett's store, from 10 to 3, October 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

No further notice will be given.

V. P. CORBET, County Treasurer.

Alexandria co., Va., Sept. 4, 1873.

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GEORGE R. HILL & CO.,

Steam Cracker & Cake Bakers,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

fy 15-11

74 King Street, 74

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

BOOTS & SHOES

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

FALL TRADE, 1873.

The subscriber has now on hand one of the

largest and best selected stocks of goods in his

line ever off red in this market, which he can

afford to sell at prices to suit the times.

He names in part—

LADIES' GENTS' MISSES' BOYS' and CHILDREN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES.

of fine and coarse work, ever before offered for

sale in this market, manufactured from the best

material, and in the most durable and stylish

manner, comprising a great variety of new and

handsome styles.

Also a large stock of

BOOTS, SHOES AND BROGANS,

SUITABLE

FOR THE COUNTRY TRADE,

to which he invites the especial attention of

country merchants and farmers.

All in want will do well to call before pur-

chasing elsewhere.

W. B. WADDEY

NO. 74 KING STREET.

sep 12-11

BOOTS AND SHOES.

ENGLISH RUBBERS!

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' FINE CALF, KID AND RUSSIA

LEATHER BUTTON BOOTS,

Vienna style.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' PARLOR & TOILET SLIPPERS,

Ladies' French Kid Broadway, Ladies' Lasting

Broadway, Turkey Morocco Broadway,

French Kid Toilett, Cassimere Toilett, Lasting

Toilett, Serge and Carpet Slippers, in every style

and quality.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' LASTING BOOTS.

A large stock with a great variety of new

styles, beautiful and very cheap.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

NEW STYLES LADIES' GAITERS,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BURT'S FINE SHOES,

FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' FINE SHOES,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' HANDSOME BUTTON BOOTS,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' FRENCH KID EMPRESS SHOES,

Entirely new,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

MISSES' LASTING BOOTS,

IN EVERY STYLE, QUALITY AND PRICE

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

MISSES' WALKING AND SCHOOL BOOTS

A large stock, in every style and quality.

Prices low.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

MISSES' FINE BUTTON BOOTS,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

GENTLEMEN'S FINE DRESS BOOTS

AND SHOES.

A large stock of new styles, very handsome,

of the best quality, and at low prices.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND WALKING

BOOTS.

A large stock and great variety of styles, at

very reduced prices.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

INFANTS' BOOTS AND SLIPPERS.

A fine stock, in every color, style and quality,

at very reasonable prices.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' DRESS SHOES.

A good stock of new styles, of fine quality,

at low prices.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' HOUSE SHOES.

Large stock and great variety, suitable for old

ladies.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' BOOTS,

Kip and Calf, good and cheap.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' FINE WALKING BOOTS,

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

A LARGE STOCK OF HEAVY GOODS,

suitable for the country, to which we invite the

special attention of country merchants, as they

will be sold very low for money.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

A LARGE STOCK OF MISSES' COLORED

BOOTS.

of superior quality, which will be sold for less

than cost.

At WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

WE HAVE A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LOW SHOES

AND SLIPPERS, of all styles, which must be

sold without regard to cost.